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MONDAY, APRIL 26TH, 1852.

THOMAS ROMNEY ROBINSON, D. D., PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

THE Rev. Dr. Todd, Secretary of the Academy, presented, on the part of the Rev. William Thomason, a bronze fibula, found in a fort in the townland of Drungurra, in Farney, and also an autograph letter of Dean Swift, which was forwarded for presentation to the Museum by Mr. P. Brophy. The letter, which was addressed to William Walker, the Lord Mayor of Dublin at the time, had been discovered by Mr. Brophy amongst the papers of Mrs. Catherine Walker.

The following is a copy of the document:—

“ MY LORD,—I enterely forgot, yesterday, a small Affair, —which I did intend to mention to your Lordship. About six months ago My Lord Orrery desired me to recommend the son of an old faithfull Servant who is still his Domestick in England, one Catharine Reyley to be admitted into the blue-coat Hospital. I apply^{ed} accordingly to the late Lord Mayor very frequently, but could never obtain that Justice. I have been these many years a governor of that Hospital, and have recommended fewer boys than perhaps any other Governors: and My Lord Orrery as he is a most valuable person in all Respects, as well as a great Friend to this Kingdom, hath a good Title to Recommend for so small a Favour. The Boys name is Edward Reyley. I have sent him with his Mother, to attend and get one of the Servants to deliver this Letter to Your Lordship. and I hope you will please to order his Admitance this day. He hath been already measured, and is tall enough for the standerd.

“ I wish your Lordship success in your administration, equall if possible to your deserts, and am with the greatest

Respect, My Lord, your Lordship's most obedient and most humble servant,

“JONATH: SWIFT.

“*Deanery-House October 7th, 1737.*”

Dr. Todd was permitted by the Rev. Edward S. Abbott, Prebendary of St. John's, to exhibit to the Academy an original Bull of Pope Nicholas III., which is preserved in the archives of Christ Church Cathedral, dated in the second year of his pontificate, A. D. 1279. It commissions the Archdeacon of Leighlin to inquire into the case of the Prior and Chapter of Christ Church, who complained that the prior and two other canons had been unjustly excommunicated by John, vicar of Balrothery. The following is a copy of this document:—

“Nicolaus episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio. . . Archidiacono Lechlinensi salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Conquesti sunt nobis . . . Prior et Capitulum Cathedralis ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis Dublinen. ordinis Sancti Augustini quod Johannes perpetuus vicarius ecclesie de Balitridir* Dublinen. dioc. in Willm tunc priorem,† Reginaldum tunc officialem ipsius capituli sede Dublinen. vacante‡ ac Philippum de Schitsebŷr ejusdem ecclesie canonicos in quos nullam habebat jurisdictionem ordinariam seu etiam delegatam communiter excommunicationis sententiam temeritate propria promulgavit. Ideoque discretioni tue per apostolica scripta mandamus qua-

* *Bilitridir.*] Now Balrothery.

† *Willm tunc priorem.*] William de Gran, who was prior of Christ Church 1263 to 1280, and also was Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

‡ *Sede Dublinen. vacante.*] The See of Dublin was vacant from the death of Archbishop Fulk Sandford, in 1271 to 1279, in which year the Pope having declared null the elections of the Chapters of Christ Church and St. Patrick's, who had chosen two different persons, nominated to the see John de Derlington, an Englishman, who had been collector of *Peter pence* for the Court of Rome in England.